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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Larry L. Coats on 10/30/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 76 line 4 "over" has been changed to – through -.

In claim 107 lines 1, 4, 9, and 14 "reagent" has been changed to – flocculant -.

Claim 114 has been canceled.

In claim 116 line 3 "reagent" has been changed to – flocculant -.

In claim 118 lines 1-3 "the reagent...and wherein" has been deleted; and in line 3 "flocculent" has been changed to – flocculant -.

In the amendment to the title dated 6/22/06 "AND APPARATUS" has been deleted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Peter A. Hruskoci/ whose telephone number is (571) 272-1160.

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